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Foreword

It is our duty to educate the country-men to their maximum potential and throughout life with the help of libraries to develop human resource which is one of the most important resources for the development a nation. The libraries play an important role in quenching the thirst for knowledge and encouraging its absorption and application. However the role of libraries as an important knowledge and information provider has been challenged in the present days.

The National Library has to collect, store and make available for the present and the future the whole of the intellectual and cultural heritage of the country.

Even in the absence of national legal depository legislation, the Nepal National Library is doing its best to acquire, preserve and manage the literature published about the country.

I hope that this report will be useful for other libraries, institutions and all those who want to know about the activities of this library.

Vidyadhar Mallik
Secretary

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Preface

In the present age of globalization, information and knowledge are very important components for the social, cultural, economic, scientific and technological development of a country. The institution which accommodates intellectual heritage and passes knowledge down from generation to generation in each country is no doubt the national library of that country.

Among the various functions of a national library, the first globally accepted function of the national library in any country is the acquisition and preservation of a comprehensive collection of materials emanating from and relating to the country itself. The publications should be taken as the national cultural heritage of the country. Other major functions are organization and maintenance of a comprehensive bibliographic record of acquired publications and promotion of available materials to the community.

Although, there is no national law to acquire and preserve the national prints, attempts are being made to get the legal depository bill enacted. Until the enactment of the bill, His Majesty's Government of Nepal has made a decision to submit all government publications to this library free of cost.

This report attempts to cover the entire story of the Nepal National Library, its major functions, organization and personnel, and the collections. Besides this, it also tries to include the budget allocation, available services and other activities.

This annual report will be beneficial for library and information professionals and interested users as a reference source. It provides information for those who are interested in the introductory history of the Nepal National Library and its statistical data.

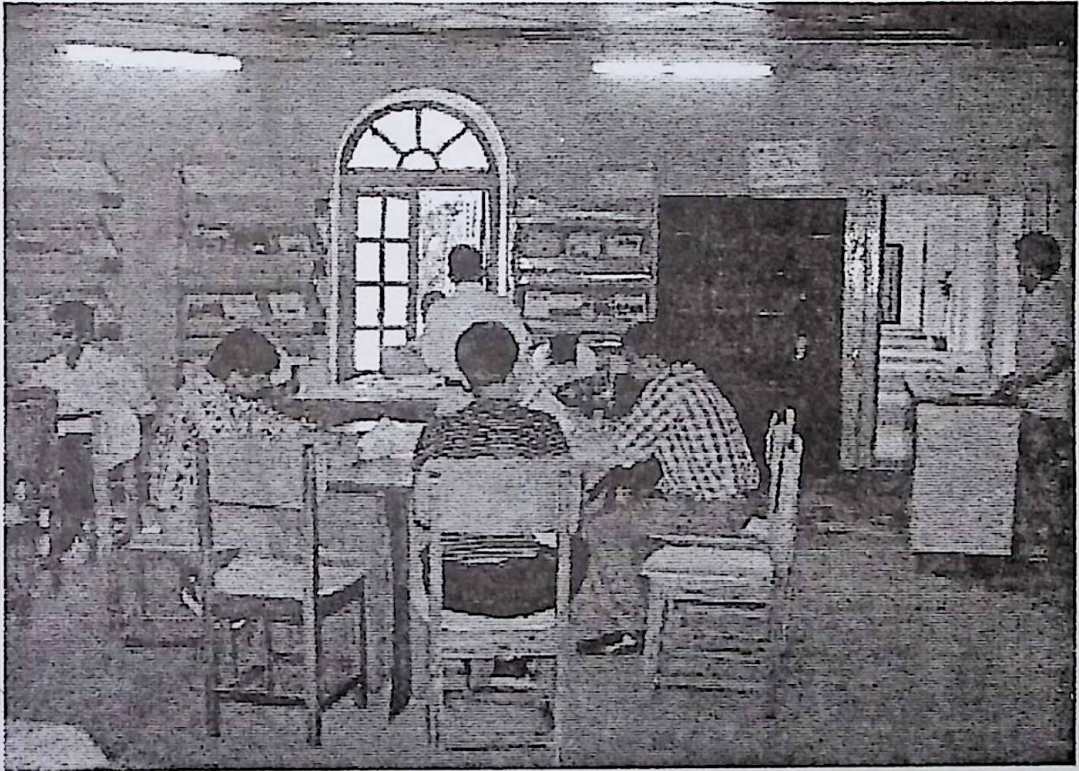
We are pleased to issue the first annual report and introduction to NNL.
We plan to keep this report on a website.

We are extremely grateful to JICA for providing financial support to publish this report. We would also like to express our sincere thanks to Mr. Bhola Shrestha, Bibliographic Officer, Ms. Nobue Yamada, Senior Volunteer of JICA for their effort in compiling and editing this report and to Mr. Pradeep Bhattarai, Mr. Bishnu Kumar Shrestha and Mr. Bidur Mani Khatiwada for assisting in the preparation.

April 2003

Dasharath Thapa
Chief Librarian

AN INTRODUCTION



NEPAL NATIONAL LIBRARY: AN INTRODUCTION

1.1 Historical background:

Nepal National Library (NNL) established in 1957 without any legal framework is the only national library in Nepal. In 1956, His Majesty's Government of Nepal purchased the personal collection of the King's spiritual preceptor, the late Hem Raj Pandey consisting of 34,292 volumes of books, documents, periodicals, and 7,500 valuable manuscripts. On 2nd January 1957, this library was named Nepal National Library (NNL). The collection of the Central Secretariat Library was also merged into its collection. In the beginning NNL was situated at Sikri Dhoka, a building within the complex of Singh Durbar. In 1960, NNL was moved to its present location, the Rana palace of Shanker Shamsher's Harihar Bhawan, Pulchowk, Lalitpur. The lending service was started in 1961 and continued up to 1980. However, classification and cataloguing of the stock had never been carried out, and in the early 1980s it was decided to stop lending facilities in order to embark on the mammoth task of cataloguing and classifying of the entire stock. A full card catalogue for the Nepali, English, Hindi and Newari collections was finally completed in 1988. Since that time the holdings have been made available to all users for reading and reference only inside the library premises.

In spite of being a national library it was unable to play a national role, and was not able to achieve the objectives of NNL. Therefore, His Majesty's Government of Nepal requested UNESCO for development assistance. UNESCO accepted the request and sent Dr. D E K Wijasuriya as a consultant to study the existing situation of NNL in January 1992. Again in April 1994, Ms Delia E. Torijjos, Regional Adviser, UNESCO and Dr. Susanne Ornager, DANIDA consultant visited Nepal and prepared a detailed project document. DANIDA displayed interest to UNESCO to fund the NNL project. HMG Nepal signed an agreement with UNESCO to run a five year project from 1994-1999. The project helped NNL to create libraries and information awareness, and to

introduce modern information technology. Along with this, four public libraries were designated as branch libraries in four development regions, mobile library services were initiated and the first and second volumes of the Nepal National Union Catalogue were published. The project supported human resource development, collection development etc. The result of the project showed a number of successful achievements being accomplished.

1.2 Role and functions of NNL:

Role and functions of NNL as follows:

- to set up adequate central services, including the creation of the National Union Catalogue, Union Lists of Serials, National Bibliography and other reference tools;
- to collect all published materials and documents within the country;
- to organise and preserve all the collections of or about Nepal;
- to provide the reading, reference, research and information services to the general public;
- to promote the literacy movement through a network of mobile libraries;
- to assist in the development of other public libraries in the country; and
- to promote the publication of Nepali literature.

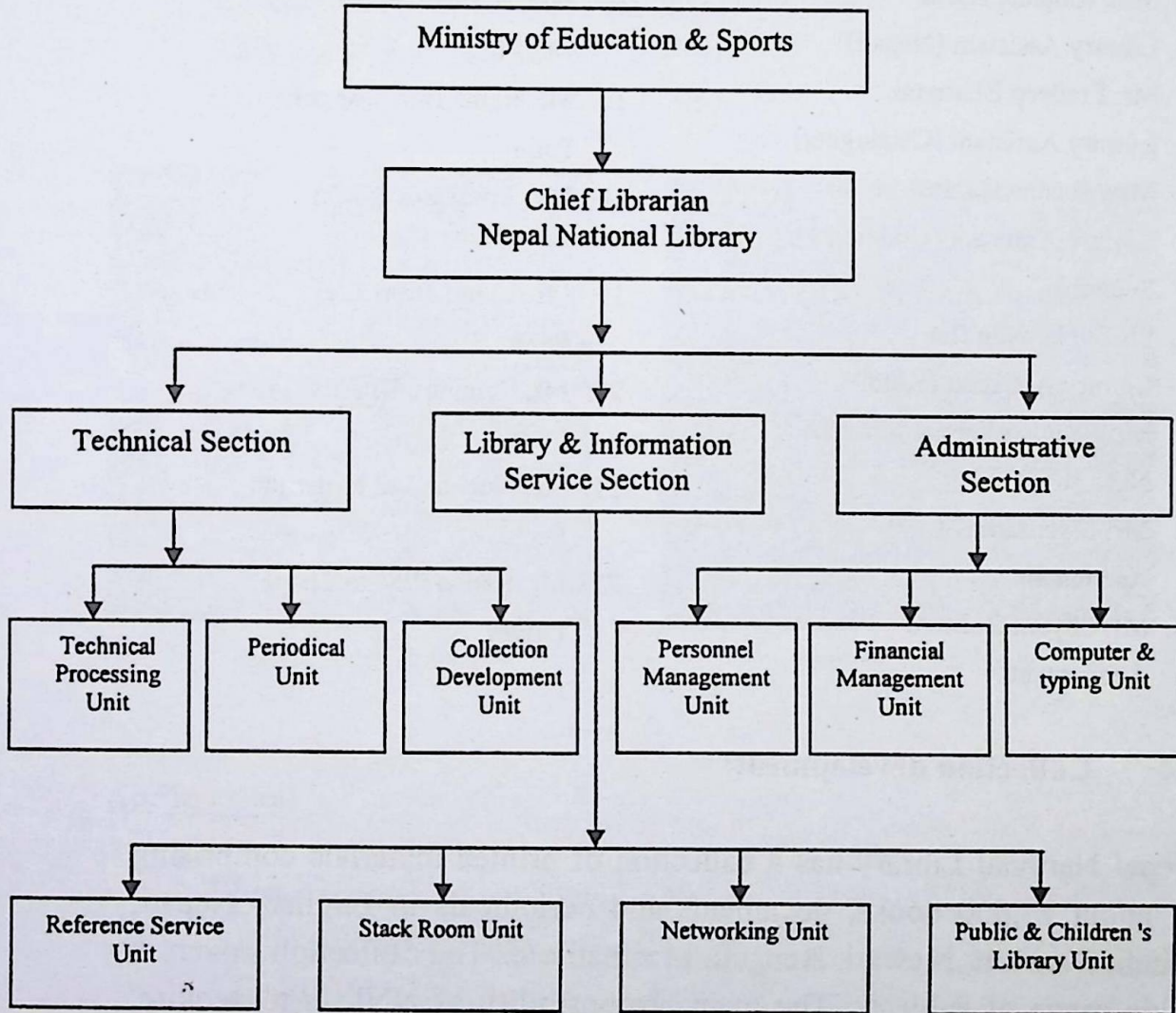
1.3 Organizational structure and staffing:

For many years NNL was administered under the Department of Archaeology, Ministry of Education. Now the administrative structure has been changed and the NNL is directly under the control of the Ministry of Education and Sports.

At present, NNL has a total number of 22 staff including 4 professionals, 7 semi-professionals and other administrative and clerical staff. NNL is

organised in three sections: the Technical Section; The Library and Information Service Section; and the Administration Section.

1.3.1 The organizational structure of the NNL:



1.3.2 Staff:

The following Staff members are working in NNL

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| 1. Mr. Dasharatha Thapa
Chief Librarian | 3. Mr. Pashupatinath Adhikari
Library Officer |
| 2. Mr. Bhola Kumar Shrestha
Bibliographic Officer | 4. Mr. Ram Bahadur Karki
NG - I |

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| 5. Mr. Sharad Chandra Acharya
Library Assistant (Sanskrit) | 14. Mr. Bidurmani Khatiwada
Computer Operator |
| 6. Mr. Bishnu Kumar Shrestha
Library Assistant (English) | 15. Mrs. Bhagirathi Adhikari
Book Binder |
| 7. Mrs. Kalpana Karki
Library Assistant (Nepali) | 16. Mrs. Alka Khadka
NG - III |
| 8. Mr. Pradeep Bhattarai
Library Assistant (Cataloguer) | 17. Mr. Ratna Bdr. Dangol
Peon |
| 9. Mrs. Kusma Gajurel
Library Assistant (Children
Section) | 18. Mr. Arjun Bdr. Karki
Peon |
| 10. Shree Narayan Jha
Library Assistant (Hindi) | 19. Mr. Ganga Ram K.C.
Peon |
| 11. Mr. Shankar Kumar Shrestha
NG - II | 20. Mr. Surendra Khatri
Peon |
| 12. Mr. Manuram K.C.
Accountant | 21. Mr. Nuchhe Lal Maharjan
Peon |
| 13. Mr. Shyam Ghimire
Accountant | 22. Mr. Radhe Shyam Thapa
Driver |

1.4 Collection development:

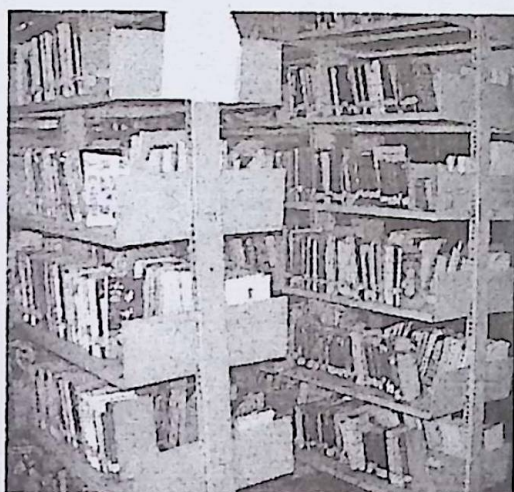
Nepal National Library has a collection of printed materials comprising of about 77,000 books, documents and periodicals in English, Nepali, Hindi, Sanskrit, Newari, Bengali, Maithali etc. The collection covers a wide range of subjects. The main responsibility of NNL is to acquire, collect and preserve the national publications published within and outside the country.

Break down of library holdings:

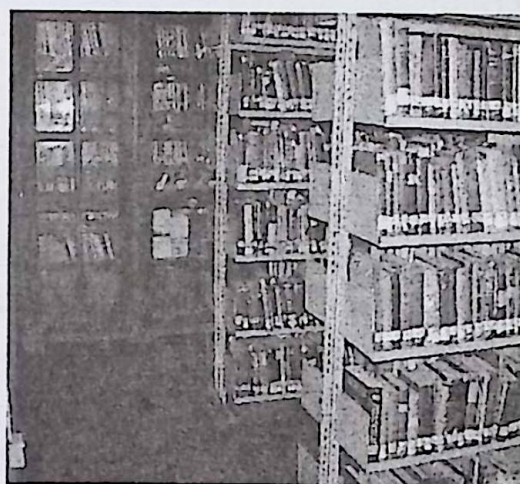
Printed materials

English	16687
Nepali	12095

Hindi	11976
Sanskrit	6414
Newari	610
Bengali, Maithali etc.	7393
Children's books	2774
Gift books and reports	7757
Dissertations	961



Nepali Stack Room



English Stack Room

Audio visual

Music cassettes	559
Audio Films/Cassettes	25
CD-ROMs	76

ADB depository collection:

NNL has been designated as the "Depository Library" for the publications of ADB. since August 2001. NNL had more than 700 volumes of ADB publications by the end of Chaitra 2059 (April 2003).

Microfilms:

NNL has microfilmed 156 titles of rare and valuable Sanskrit loose leaf books and the voters list of 2036 B.S. Likewise microfilming of the Gorakhapatra (a national daily newspaper) till the year 1982 has been completed.

Periodicals:

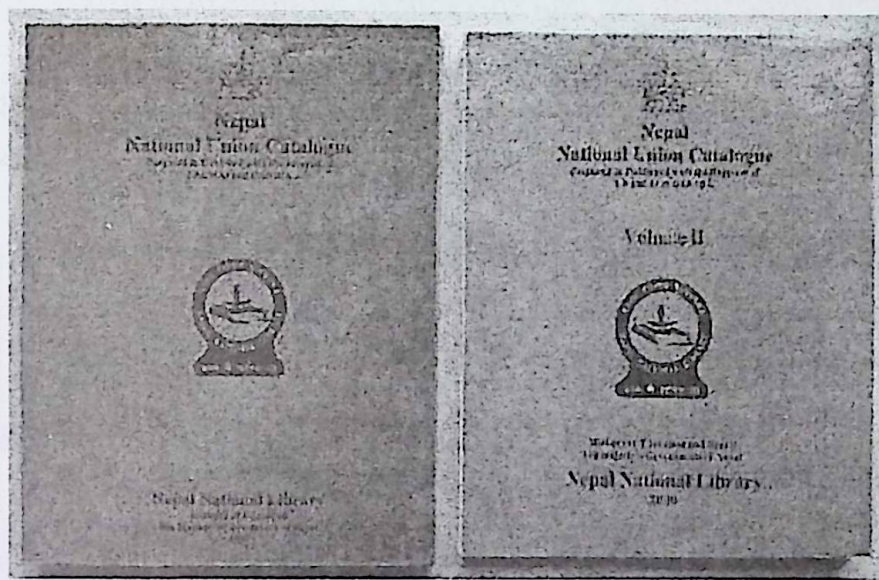
Approximately 40 newspapers and magazines are subscribed to and a number of other titles of periodicals are being received through donation and exchange. There are many bound volumes of journals from Hem Raj Pandey's collection dating from the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. The majority of them were published in India. English titles include the journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, The Modern Review, The Theosophist, the Vedic, and many others. Approximately 10,000 bound volumes of periodicals are available in NNL.

1.5 Publications:

The library is involved in publication activities as well. The UNESCO/DANIDA project gave support to publish the Nepal National Union Catalogue (NNUC) newsletter, poster, brochure and stickers etc. Details of publications are as follows:

Nepal National Union Catalogue (NNUC) Vol. 1 & 2

Printed in English, this is one of the most useful sources of information on Nepal related publications. With assistance from the UNESCO/DANIDA project the first volume of NNUC was published in 1997 containing 10731 records and the second volume was published in 2000 containing 6576 bibliographic records. Entries are arranged by subject with author and title index with their library holding.



Nepal National Union Catalogue Vol 1&2

NNL News

NNL news is being published twice a year. The first issue of the newsletter was published in June 1999. Till now 8 issues have been published. It is available free of charge to libraries and other interested institutions.



NNL Newsletter

New acquisition list and specialised bibliography lists

NNL also publishes an annual acquisition list. The list is arranged in classification order, and widely circulated to the libraries.

Occasionally, NNL publishes specialised bibliographies. Up to date such bibliographies have been published for children's books and books on Nepal.

Reprints of ancient texts

A series of publications were published by NNL between 1963 and 1967. Seven titles were reprints of ancient texts and hand written manuscripts:

Jaganmohanam part 1 and 2

Sambid prakash kabyam

Bhasha banshabali part 1 and 2

Ishatatwam

Prasastirratnabali

A Sanskrit manuscript on
astrology

Sanskrit Poetry

History

Religious texts

Sanskrit manuscript

Catalogue of manuscripts

Subject catalogues of selected manuscripts from NNL's holding:

Suchipatram 1

Suchipatram 2

Suchipatram 3

Suchipatram 4

Buddhism

Astrology

Astrology

Buddhism

1.6 Budget:

The acquisition budget of NNL is very small as can be seen from the table below (in Nepali rupees):

	2057/58 (2000/01)	2058/59 (2001/02)	2059/60 (2002/03)
Administrative expenses	1,475,000.00	1,725,000.00	1,825,000.00
Books & Periodicals	110,000.00	115,000.00	210,000.00
Others	420,000.00	571,000.00	523,000.00

1.7 Technical processing:

The technical processing of library documents was started in 1986. Prior to 1986 all the documents were kept in racks according to the accession number by language. Now the library is using the Dewey Decimal Classification, 21st edition for classification and AACR2 for cataloguing of the books. Sear's List of Subject Headings is being used for finding appropriate subject headings.

1.8 Library building:

Since 1960 NNL has been occupying the southern wing on the first floor of Harihar Bhawan. A new children's library wing has been constructed near the NNL building. The space occupied by the library is 8614 square feet only.

1.9 Modern equipment:

Before the commencement of the UNESCO/DANIDA project, the concept of the application of modern technology was completely absent in the library. Manual typewriters, duplicating machines and a one-line

telephone were available. Now NNL has advanced technological devices, which were received from the UNESCO/DANIDA project:

- Multimedia computer
- Laser printer
- Multimedia projector
- Digital camera
- Televisions
- CD player
- Fax machine
- Microfilm processor
- Recorder
- Binding and mending machine etc

The government of Japan has provided micrographic & binding equipment under the Cultural Grant Aid Programme.

1.10 Facilities and services:

1.10.1 Reference services:

NNL has been providing reference services to the general public, students, teachers, researchers and foreign users. The collection of the library is freely available to all users and most of the collection is open access. The card catalogue and automated database provide the author, title, subject and more details of the document to help access the collection. It is a reference library where users can use documents freely within the library premises. The users can enquire about any information by personal visit or by telephone, fax or email.

1.10.2 Photocopy service:

The NNL has been providing a photocopy service to users at a subsidized rate.

1.10.3 Microfilm service:

NNL now has available micrographic reading and printing facilities for users at a very nominal cost.

1.10.4 Bibliographic database services:

The library has created a computerised database using the WINISIS software. So far, records of books on Nepal and children's books in English can be accessed through computer.

1.10.5 Audio-visual services:

NNL has facilities for playing audio and video cassettes. Educational videos are used especially for children. Television , VCR's and multimedia facilities are also available in the library. The multimedia projector is being utilized for training programmes/seminars/ workshops and film shows. The digital camera is also being utilized in the production of the NNL Newsletter and reports.

1.10.6 CD-ROM facilities:

CD-ROM databases are available in the library.

1.10.7 Children's services:

Nearly 3000 English and Nepali fiction and non-fiction books are available in the library for children. The video film shows, CD-ROM demonstration, story telling, Origami and how to use reference books programmes are being arranged from time to time for the younger users.

1.10.8 Internet service:

NNL provides internet services to its users at the prevailing market rate.

Detailed information about NNL's stock, services and development can be traced from <http://www.nla.gov.au/lap/libs/nepal.html>

1.10.9 Mobile library service:

NNL has been providing mobile library services to Alapot and Tinthana Village Development Committees of Kathmandu district. NNL has a plan to start at some other places of Kathmandu Valley in the near future.

1.11 National reading campaign:

A national reading campaign has been organized every year since 1999 on the auspicious day of "Saraswati Puja". The reading campaigns were launched in collaboration with various other organizations. The main objectives of this campaign are to cultivate and promote readings habits among children and to link women's literacy with the education of their children and to promote children's literature that will help children and their parents to get hooked on books for life. Since 1999, NNL and regional libraries have been actively participating in children's book exhibitions, film shows and story telling etc.

1.12 Training:

In co-operation with Nepal Library Association, NNL has organised a number of short term training courses at a semi-professional level for its own staff (with assistance from UNESCO/DANIDA), and also for the staff of many different organizations, including government departments, non-governmental organizations, international organizations, colleges, schools and community libraries.

The training on CDS/ISIS software has also been organised with the assistance from DANIDA/UNESCO for the staff of NNL and for other libraries.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

UNESCO, DANIDA, Government of Japan, and JICA have shown keen interest in the development of NNL as well as library systems in the country.

2.1 Achievements of the UNESCO/DANIDA project:

The five-year UNESCO project brought major changes in the overall development of the Nepal National Library. The following are some of the notable achievements of the project:

2.1.1 Publishing the Nepal National Union Catalogue (NNUC):

Published in English, NNUC contains 10731 records in the first volume and 6576 records in the second volume of Nepal related publications. Compilation of NNUC is going on as a regular programme of NNL.

2.1.2 Modern equipment:

The UNESCO/DANIDA project has provided emphasis on application of IT in libraries and provided support to procure modern technological equipment and devices such as computers, printers, fax, email and internet access, audio visual equipment and photocopier. The equipment contributes to a better condition providing a more efficient library service.

2.1.3 Human resource development:

The project has carried out in-service training on Basic Library Operation Management (Level 2 and 3) and in the use of CDS/ISIS computer training for the staff of NNL and other libraries to widen the library and information community. More than 155 semi-professional personnel and 20 library automation personnel have been trained within the 5 year project period.

Under this programme Mr. Pradeep Bhattarai, library assistant has completed Bachelor in Library and Information Science from Tribhuvan University, Library Science Department and Mr. Bhola Kumar Shrestha, Bibliographic Officer has completed Master in Library and Information Science from University of Delhi, Department of Library and Information Science.

2.1.4 Study visit:

UNESCO also organized study visit programmes for the key staff members of NNL:

Mr. Dasharatha Thapa, Chief Librarian visited libraries in the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand in 1999. Similarly, Mrs. Sushila Dwivedi, the then Chief Librarian and Mr. Bhola Shrestha, Bibliographic Officer, participated in a study visit programme in the libraries of the Philippines and Thailand in 1997.

2.1.5 Workshops and seminars:

A number of workshops and seminars have been organised in cooperation with the UNESCO and DANIDA project. The following is the list of seminars and workshops:

- A 3-day seminar on Preparation of the National Union Catalogue was organised on 2-4 April, 1995.
- A two day workshop on Compilation of Standardization of Subject Headings, Keywords for the National Union Catalogue was organized on 6-7 October, 1996.
- National conference on Role of Information in National Development was organized on 24-27 August, 1997.

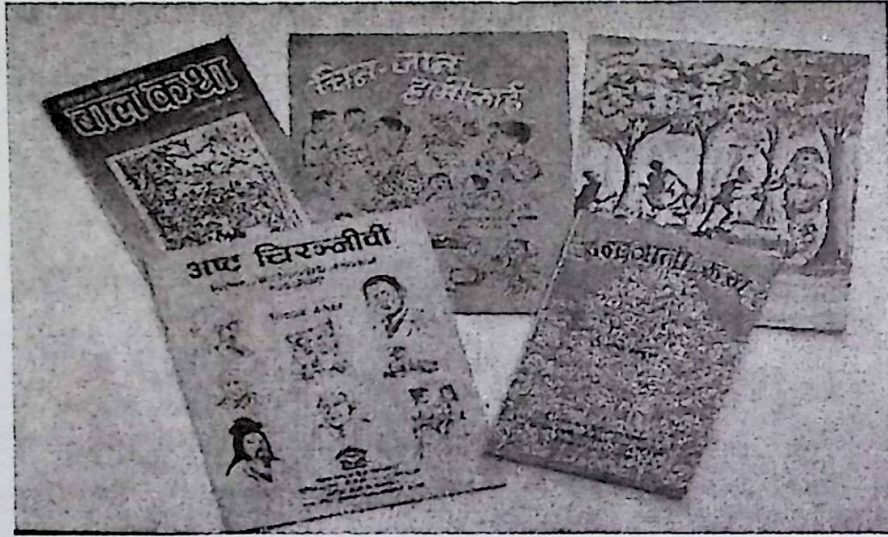
- A one day Workshop on Provision of Legal Depository Act was organized on 6 March, 1998.
- A Seminar on the Nepal National Library and Public Library System was organized on 9-10 June, 1998.
- A Seminar on Strengthening the Copyright Act in Nepal was organized on 7 July, 1998.
- A one-day Workshop to collect data for the second volume of the National Union Catalogue was organized on 6 December 1998.
- A National Seminar on Sustaining Literacy: Providing Reading Resource for Newly Literate Children and Adults was organized on 29-30 November, 1999.

2.1.6 Children's Library Unit:

A new unit for children was opened on the auspicious occasion of Children's Day on 20 August 1995 with support from the UNESCO project.

2.1.7 Promoting the publication of children's literature:

The UNESCO/DANIDA project also gave support to publish children's books in Nepali language in partnership with the Nepalese Society for Children's Literature (NESCHIL) through NNL. The following titles of books were published by NESCHIL:



Children's Literature

Guru-Ma-Pa	traditional story
Astachiranjibi	bibliography on famous persons
Indrajali Rukha	novel (translated from english)
Tilaure ra Phulaure	story
Bajai Bajai Geet Ganun	rhymes
China Jana Hamilai	folk songs
Ma Birami Chaina	folk songs

The Pokhara Public Library, with financial support from the UNESCO project also published two children's books.

Hamro Katha	story
Balkatha	story

These children's books were widely distributed free of charge through NNL to libraries and schools throughout the country..

2.1.8 Promotional activities:

The UNESCO project launched various promotional activities to create public awareness about NNL.

2.1.9 Poster, brochure and sticker:

A multi-coloured poster was published for the first time. The message in the poster is "Knowledge leads to progress: Books are for knowledge, let us go to the library and read books". 2000 stickers and brochures were published to ensure wide circulation.

2.1.10 NNL on NTV/FM radio and press:

Nepal Television telecasted NNL's activities and interviews with NNL's key staff members and also with young readers from time to time.

FM Radios highlighted the importance of NNL's services.

Press releases were made from time to time in major newspapers of the country about the activities of NNL and branch libraries.

2.1.11 NNL newsletter:

NNL started to publish a newsletter twice a year. The first issue of the newsletter was published in June 1999. It is still continuing.

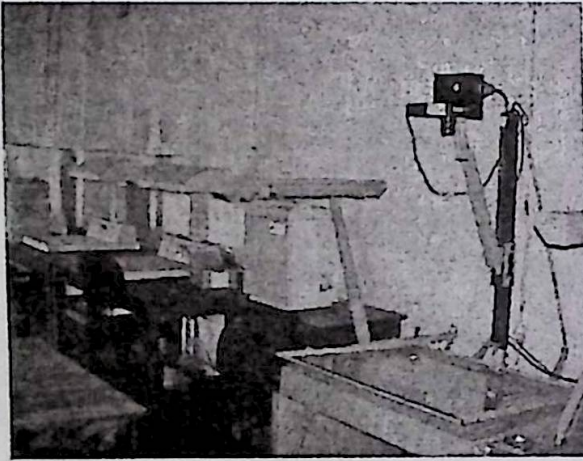
2.1.12 Establishment of branch libraries:

NNL has designated 4 public libraries as "Regional Library" in the 4 development regions of Eastern Development Region, Western Development Region, Mid-Western Development Region, Far Western Development Region and NNL itself is acting as a public library in Central Development Region.

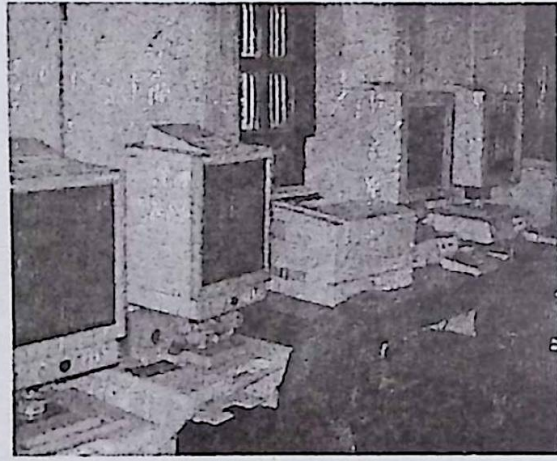
Each branch library is equipped with computer, printer, UPS, photocopy machine, Television, VCP. A training course was also provided in each branch library to train the staff of the library and other cluster libraries, reading centres, schools and other institutions operating in the area.

2.2 Japanese cultural grant aid:

An agreement was signed between His Majesty's Government of Nepal and the Government of Japan on August 13, 1999 under the Cultural Grand Aid Programme for micrographic equipment such as microfilm processor, microfilm reader, book binding machine, cutting machine. The equipment was delivered on January 2001. Now NNL can make micrographic copies of old and valuable documents. The binding facilities now available enhance NNL's preservation capacity, as it seeks to fulfil its role in maintaining the national literature in good condition as a national heritage for future generations.



Microfilm Machine



Microfilm Reader & Printer

2.3 Assistance from JICA Nepal:

JICA Nepal has assisted NNL in publishing a poster and in setting up the new wing of the Children's Unit including the purchase of books and furniture. It has also provided books on Nepal and other reports in both Nepali and English languages.

2.4 Volunteer services:

Ms. Helen Parsons, was deputed to NNL from United Mission to Nepal as an adviser on a part time basis for one year. She returned to the United

Kingdom in January 2000 after finishing her stated period of deputation in NNL. During her tenure she helped publish the newsletter, organize seminars/workshops and conduct library training.

Ms. Sudha Risal, a B.Lib. Science degree holder from Tribhuvan University, Department of Library Science was also attached to NNL as a volunteer for 6 months. She compiled catalogues of holdings of children's literature and books on Nepal.

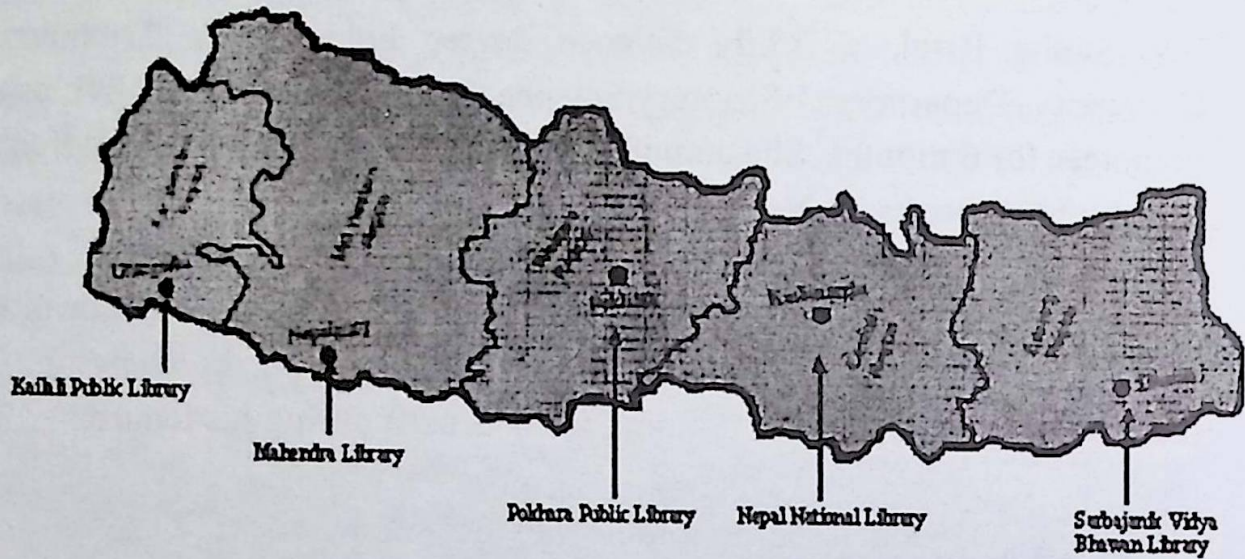
Mr. John Barbrook, a VSO was attached to NNL as a volunteer for nine months. He left in June, 2001 for UK. He helped NNL by designing a website and gave computer training to NNL staff during his tenure.

Ms. Nobue Yamada, a senior volunteer of JICA joined NNL on 19th April 2002 for a two year term as Library Management Adviser.

2.5 International membership:

- NNL is a member of the Conference of Directors of National Libraries of Asia and Oceania.
- NNL became a member of the UNESCO Network of Association Libraries (UNAL) in 1997.

REGIONAL PUBLIC LIBRARY AFFILIATED TO NNL



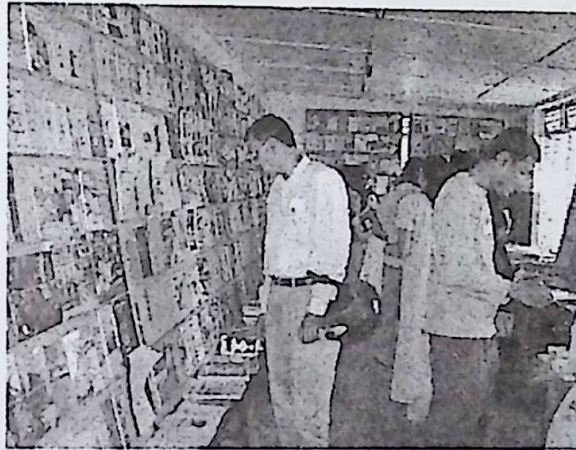
3.1 Pokhara Public Library (PPL):

PPL is situated in Pokhara, Kaski district in the Western Development Region. The library building is strategically located at the heart of the city. This was the first regional library to be affiliated to NNL, in 1995. The Pokhara Municipality has provided a building and 2 staff for the library. A team of volunteer Executive Committee members manages the library. Now, one professional librarian is also working as a part-time staff. The library currently has about 6800 books including children's books and subscribes to 75 newspapers and magazines. Around 100 to 150 users use the library everyday.

The mobile library service began from 1995 in five local communities. Currently the mobile library service is running in six different places. A motorbike has been provided for the mobile library service to carry the reading materials from one place to another.

PPL also published two children's books namely "Hamro Katha" and "Bal Katha" supported by the UNESCO project.

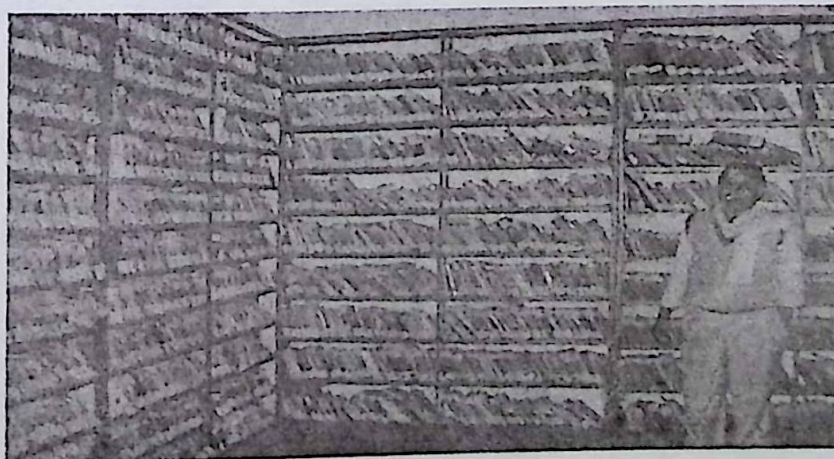
Two magnificent exhibitions were organized by PPL in June 1999 and June 2003 covering the books published in or authored by residents of the Western Development Region. These books have been presented to PPL.



*Pokhara Public Library, Pokhara
Book Exhibition*

3.2 Mahendra Library:

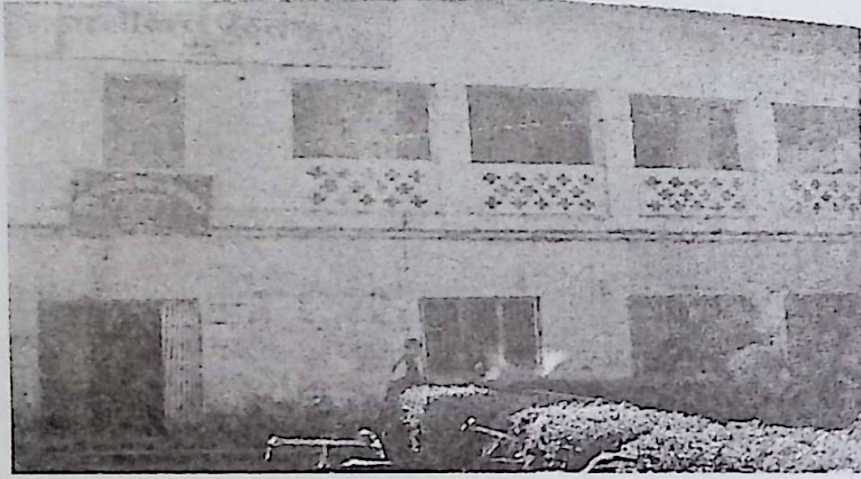
The historic Mahendra Library was established in 1947. The library is situated in the central city of Tribhuvanchowk, Nepalgunj in the Mid-Western Development Region. The total collection of the library is 105,000 volumes. It became affiliated to NNL as a regional branch library in 1998. The library has its own building.



Mahendara Library, Nepalgunj

3.3 Kailali Public Library (KPL):

KPL, established in 1957, is situated in the city centre area of Kailali, Dhangadi in the Far- Western Development region. The library was established at the initiation of the local people. There is a collection of more than 7000 books in Nepali, Sanskrit, Hindi and English languages. The library subscribes to 82 newspapers and magazines.



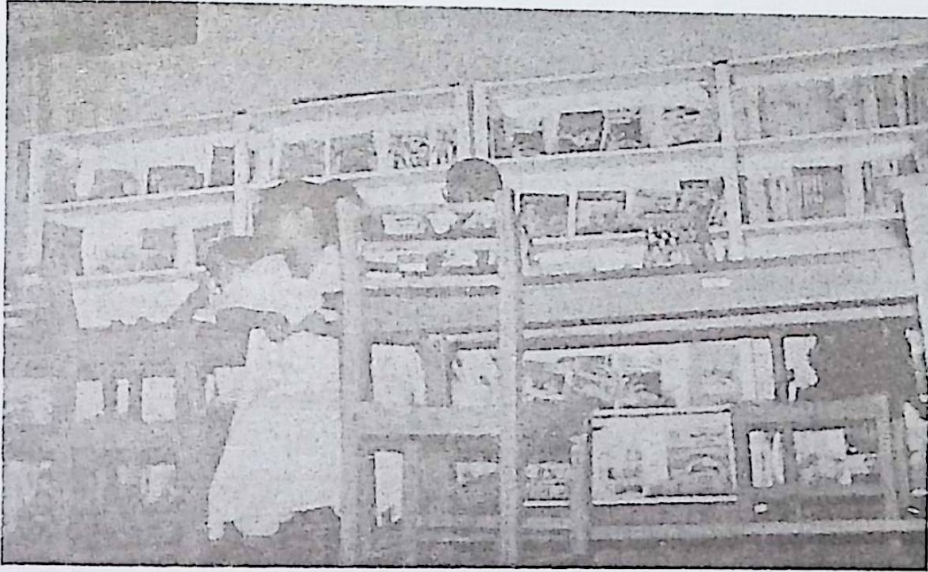
Kailali Public Library, Dhangadi

This library was affiliated to NNL as the regional branch library in 1998. The library has 2 permanent and 3 temporary staff members. The library has its own building and the only source of income of this library is the amount received against the rent of its rooms. Book exhibitions, talk programmes, journal publications are the regular programmes of the KPL.

3.4 Sarbajanik Vidya Bhawan Library (SVBL):

SVBL came into existence in 1947 in Dharan and was taken over by the Dharan Municipality in 1965. The library has its own building. There are currently more than 4000 books and it subscribes to 16 journals and 28 newspapers. With support from UNICEF, a children's section has been opened on the ground floor of the same building.

In 1998 the library was affiliated to NNL as the regional branch library in the Eastern Development Region.



Sarbajanik Vidya Bhawan Library, Dharan

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

4.1 Land:

Obtaining land for its own building is an essential prerequisite for the future development of NNL and its services. For effective book preservation, as well as for public library service provision, much more space and greatly improved facilities are required. To make NNL more accessible to researchers and to the general public, a centrally placed site is an urgent priority.

4.2 Preserving the national heritage:

- Legal depository legislation is required to ensure that all books published in Nepal are deposited with the Nepal National Library for preservation for future generations. An Act has been forwarded to the Ministry of Education and Sports, and it is hoped to be passed through Parliament soon.
- Budget. Realistic funding is required for collection development, both retrospective and current and for the micrographic and binding materials. Discussions are in progress with the Ministry of Education regarding a "development budget".

4.3 Bibliographic services:

- Nepal National Union Catalogue. A third volume is forthcoming, listing in English, Nepal related books held in a number of major libraries of Nepal. The National Union Catalogue represents the most comprehensive listing presently available of books on Nepal.
- Nepal National Bibliography. For almost 25 years the Tribhuvan University Central Library has taken responsibility for the production of the Nepal National Bibliography, but due to lack of regular funding and the difficulties of achieving comprehensive coverage, it

has not proved possible to publish the Nepal National Bibliography on a regular basis. Passing of legal deposit legislation should improve this situation, and it is proposed that NNL and TU Central Library should work in cooperation in the future production of the National Bibliography.

- Union List of Serials. In the coming months the Nepal National Library plans to compile a union list of journal holdings of major libraries in Nepal.

4.4 Public library development:

- Regional libraries. NNL will continue to encourage the 4 affiliated regional libraries in the provision of an appropriate and relevant public library and information services.
- Children's lending service. It is planned to start a lending service for children in the near future, based in the Children's Library Section of NNL.
- Mobile library services. These are planned from NNL for more rural areas of the Kathmandu Valley.
- Valley public library services. If NNL is able to obtain its own land and building, and adequate resources are made available for stock acquisition, NNL plans to offer comprehensive public library services in the Kathmandu Valley.
- Local public library development. The recently passed Local Governance Act gives Village and District Development Committees a statutory duty to ensure the provision of a public library at a local level. The Nepal National Library is in discussion with the Ministry for Local Government regarding the formulation of rules for the implementation of the Act, and will be acting in an advisory capacity in recommending standards, protocols and training opportunities.

NNL Activities

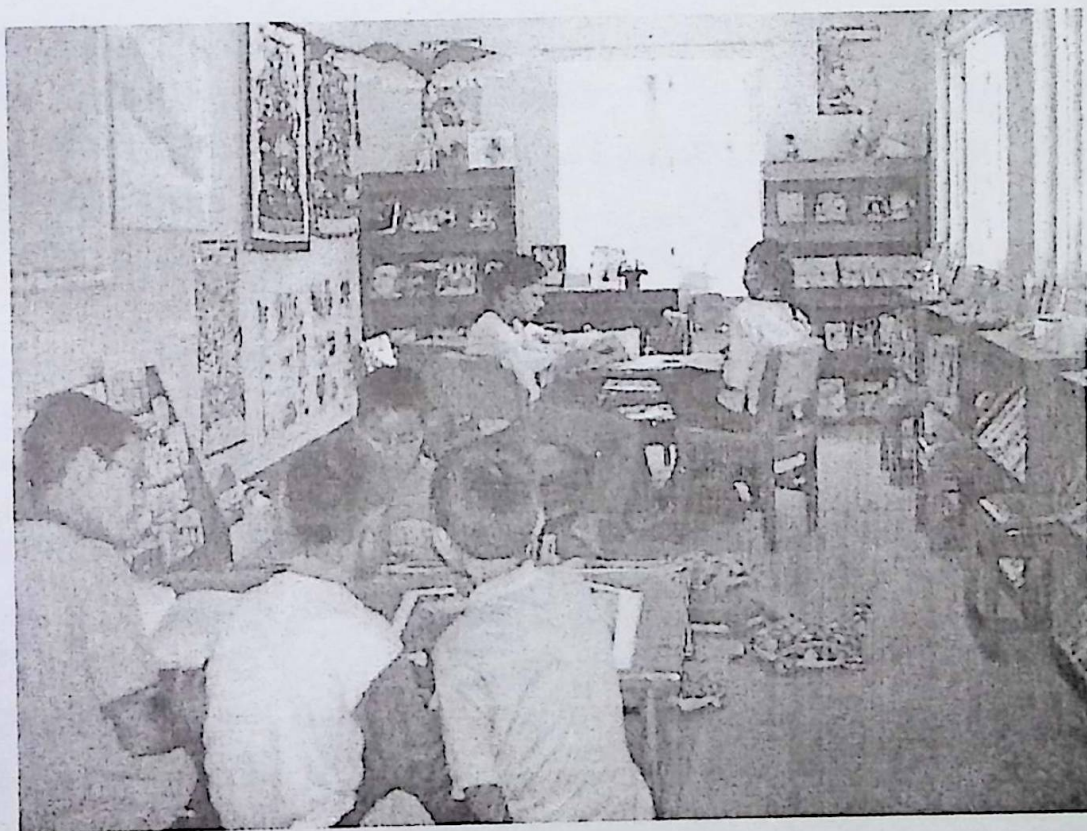


Library Training Participants



First Poster of NNL

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT 2059 (2002/2003)



FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF 2059 (2002/2003)

This is the first annual report of NNL and a good time to look back on what activities have been achieved during the year 2059 and to look forward to the challenges of the coming year.

1. Collection development:

This year NNL has added 3138 volumes of books which consist of 270 volumes purchased and 1907 obtained as gifts. Details are as follows:

Purchased by NNL

Books on Nepal in English and Nepali	270
Gift books from different organizations and individuals	549
Children's books donated by JICA	540
Children's books donated by Room to Read	248
ADB Deposited books & reports	570
Theses and Dissertations received from TUCL and MOES	961

A total of 40 titles of periodicals were subscribed to and 65 titles were received as gifts.

2. Technical processing work:

The technical section is responsible for the cataloguing and classifying of books. During the year 2059, a total of 1637 volumes were catalogued and classified.

3. Computerised database:

This year NNL entered only 500 books into Books on Nepal Database and 1574 into Children's Library Database.

4. Publications:

The NNL published the following publications during the year 2059.

- NNL news (Issue 7 & 8)
- A full colour poster promoting literacy reading and libraries was published with assistance from JICA and widely distributed to the community libraries, school libraries and other libraries.
- Twenty sets of book marks (total 3000) were produced to create library awareness among the school children, with support from JICA.



Poster



Book Mark

5. Finance:

All NNL expenses are covered by His Majesty's Government of Nepal. In this fiscal year the initial budget granted for NNL is 2.558 million Nepalese Rupees. Details are as follows:

Administrative expenses	18,25000.00
Books & Periodicals	2,10000.00
Others	5,23000.00

6. Procurement of computer:

The following equipment has been procured with assistance from JICA

Compaq Computer
 HP LaserJet Printer
 APC UPS
 Stabilizer
 CD-R&W Drive

7. Staff:

Mr. Ram Bahadur Karki, Nayab Subba joined NNL on 1 August 2002. He transferred from the Parliament Secretariat.

Mr. Narendra Raj Gyawali, Kharidar promoted to the post of Nayab Subba and transferred to District Office of Ramechhap on 10 October 2002.

8. Award:

Mr. Pashuypati Nath Adhikari, Library Officer, received the Education Award of 2059 B. S. (2003) on the 28th Education Day.

9. Users:

According to the Gate Counter Register a total of 12270 users visited the library during the year; among them male visitors were 9170 and female visitors were 3100.

10. Photocopy services:

NNL has been providing photocopy services at a subsidized rate. Within this year more than 9000 pages of photocopy were provided.

11. New wing of Children's Library Section:

NNL acquired an old building and courtyard in the northern part of Harihar Bhawan which was renovated and repainted by HMG, Department of Urban Development and Building Construction for the NNL's Children's Library Section. The Children's Library Section was shifted to this building on 7 April 2003.

- A new training hall is also available in this building.
- JICA has given support for the furniture, meeting chairs and table for this room.



Children's Library



Children's Programme



Children's Reading Room

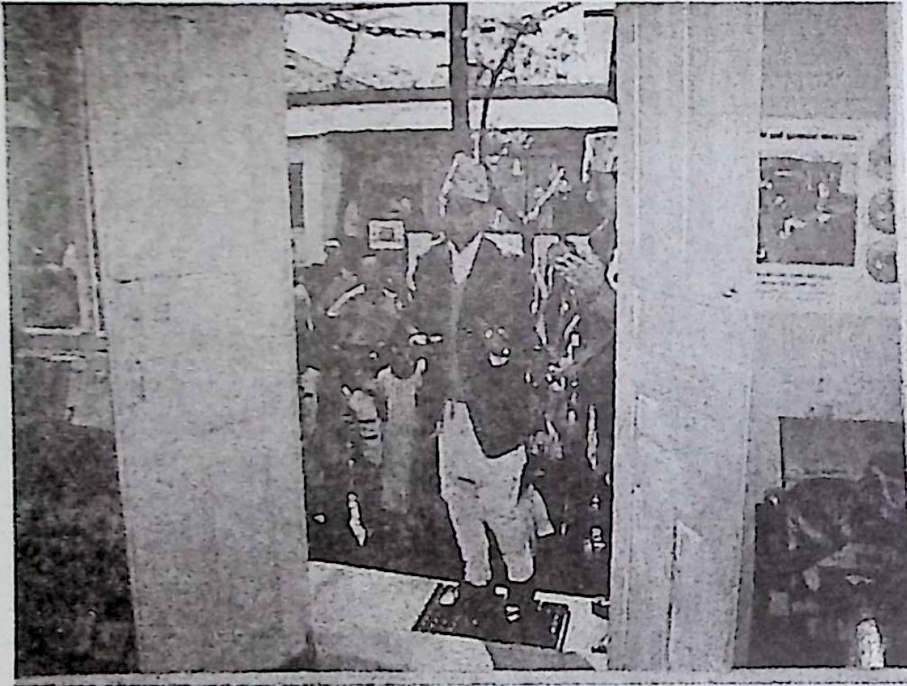


Children's Reading Room

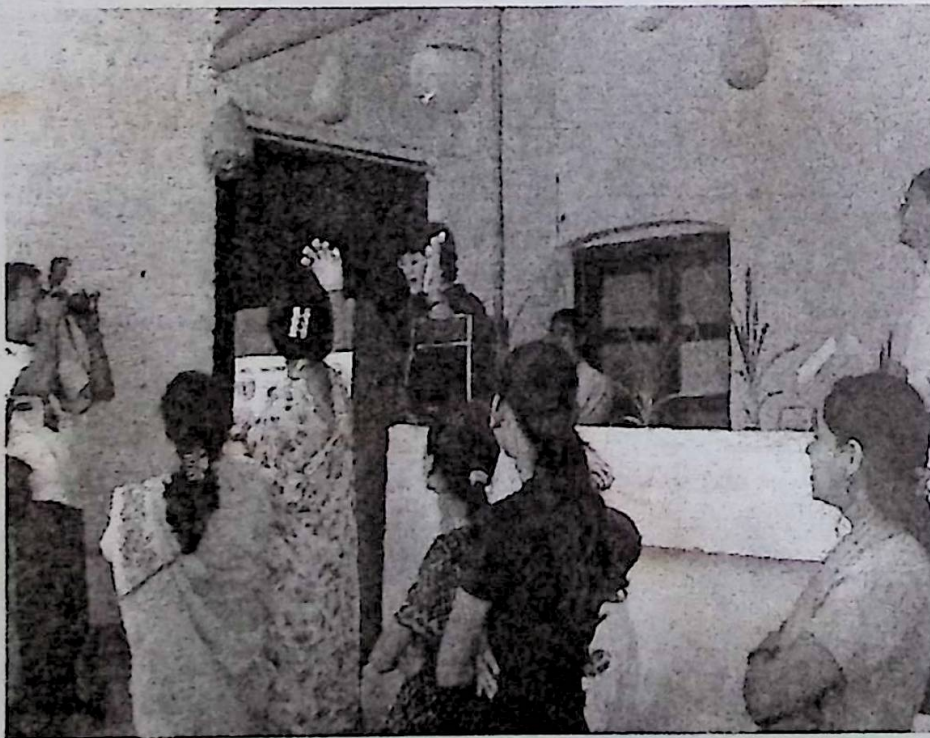
12. Children's book exhibition:

A weeklong Children's Book Exhibition was organised by NNL from 7-14 April 2003. The new wing of the Children's Library and the Children's Books exhibition were inaugurated by Secretary, Mr. Chuman Singh Basnet, Ministry of Education and Sports on 7th April 2003. Mr. Eitaro Mitoma, Director, JICA; Ms. Susanne Ornager, Regional Adviser,

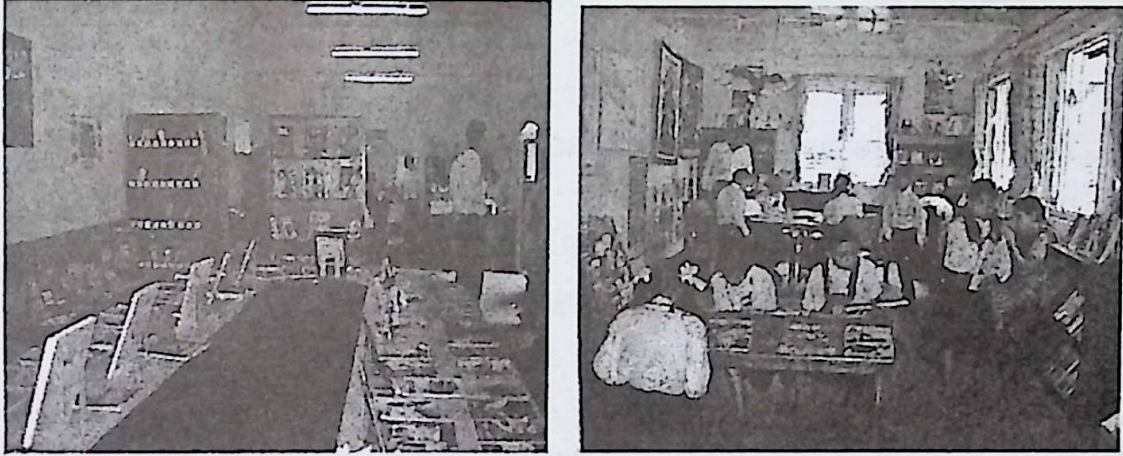
Unesco, Delhi; Mr. Dasharath Thapa, Chief, NNL and Ms. Nobue Yamada, Senior Volunteer spoke on the occasion.



Inauguration Ceremony



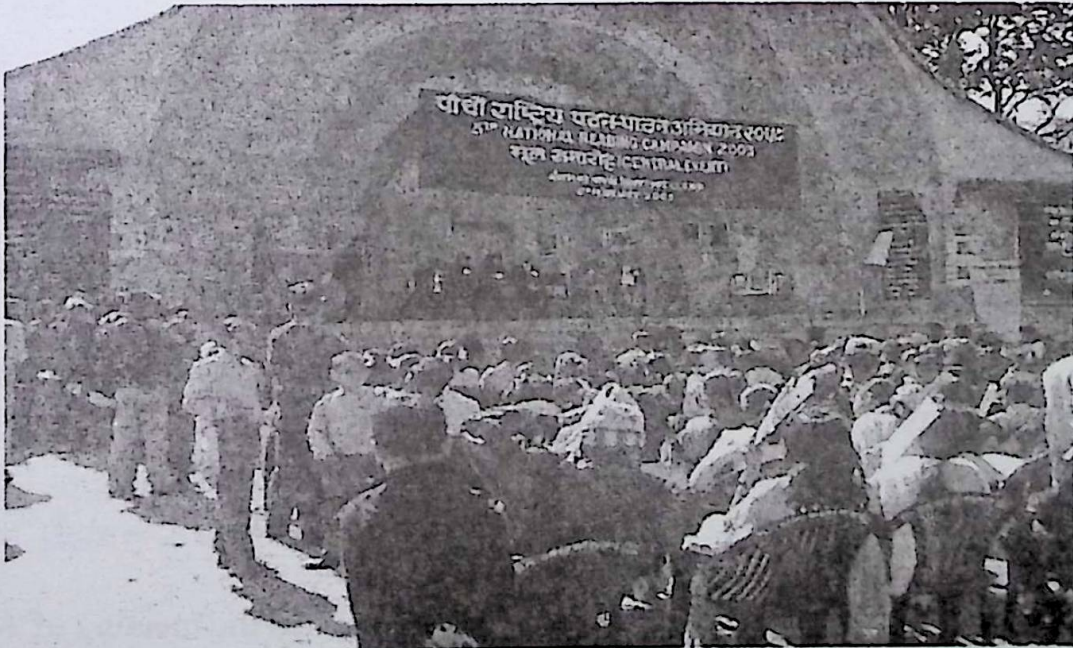
Inauguration Ceremony



Children's Book Exhibition

13. National reading campaign:

The 5th National Reading Campaign day was launched on 6th Feb. 2003 on the auspicious day of "Saraswati Puja". NNL and branch libraries actively participated in children's book exhibition, film shows, story telling etc.



National Reading Campaign

14. Volunteer:

Ms. Nobue Yamada, Senior Volunteer of JICA joined NNL on 19th April 2002 for two years as a Library Management Adviser. She is helping NNL in following activities:

- Children's library development
- Poster publication
- Book mark publication
- Collection development
- Annual report publication
- Creation of awareness about NNL etc.

15. UNESCO mission:

Dr. Susanne Ornager, Regional Advisor, Unesco visited Nepal on 8th April 2003 for one week. Several meetings and discussions were arranged with Ministry of Education, Unesco Commission to Nepal, Nepal National Library, Nepal Library Association, Department of Library Science, Unesco Office Kathmandu and Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya about the library development programme in Nepal.

16. Attachment training programme:

Upon the request of the Government of Bhutan, Department of Geology and Mines, NNL conducted a four week long attachment training on "Basic Library Operation and Management" for Ms. Tshering Denka from 9th April 2003.

17. Conference/seminar/talk programme:

17.1 International:

Mr. Dasharath Thapa, Chief Librarian, NNL attended the meeting of Asia Pacific Information Network (APIN) in Bangalore from 11-13 December, 2002. He also participated in the Regional Seminar on the World Summit

on the Information Society (WSIS) in Bangkok. Both meetings were organized by UNESCO, Bangkok.

17.1.1 Training participation:

Mr. Shree Narayan Jha, Library Assistant participated in the Certificate course in Reprography from 1st April to 9th May, 2003.

17.2 National:

Chief Librarian Mr. Dasharath Thapa participated in a two-day WIPO national seminar on enforcement of copyright and related rights by The World Intellectual Property Organization, Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation and Copyright Protection Society of Nepal with the assistance of Japan Copyright Office. This was organised from 26-27 February, 2003 in Kathmandu.

Mr. Pashupati Adhikari participated in a two-day national workshop cum seminar on "Prospects and Challenges of Community Learning Centres in Nepal" from April 21-22, 2003, organised by UNESCO and Non-formal Education Centre.

A talk programme on "Library Systems in Japan" delivered by Ms. Innoye Yasuyo, Associate Professor, Dokkyo University of Japan was jointly organised by NNL and Nepal Library Association on 30 March 2003. More than 30 librarians attended.

18. Study visit:

NNL organised a study visit programme for its staff members on 8 July and 10 July 2002 in the following libraries.

8 July 2002

Staff members

Mr. Bhola Shrestha
Mr. Bishnu Kumar Shrestha
Mr. Bidurmani Khatiwada
Mr. Sharad Chandra Acharya
Mrs. Kalpana Karki

Name of the library

TU Central Library
TU CEDA Library
TU CERID Library
FNCCI Library

10 July 2002

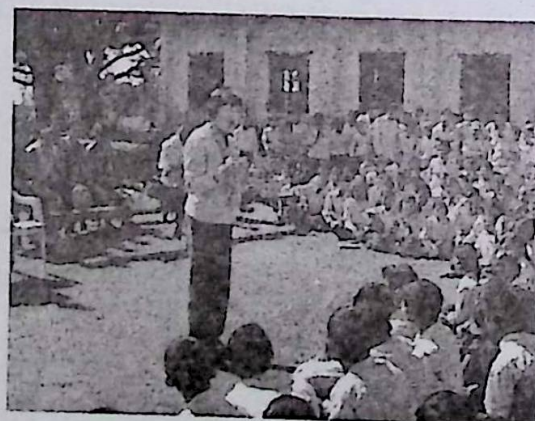
Ms. Nobue Yamada
Mr. Pashupati Nath Adhikari
Mr. Pradeep Bhattarai
Mr. Shreenarayan Jha
Mrs. Kusma Gajurel
Mrs. Alka Khadka

National Archives
Central Forestry Library
ICIMOD Library

19. Visiting Programme:

Senior Volunteer Ms. Nobue Yamada and Bibliographic Officer Mr. Bhola Shrestha visited and observed the Pokhara Public Library, community libraries, forestry library etc. in Kaski district from 1-3 October 2002.

Senior Volunteer Ms. Nobue Yamada and Bibliographic Officer Mr. Bhola Shrestha took part in a library observation visit programme from 18-22 February 2003 in Nepalgunj, Dhangadi and Mahendra Nagar.



Library orientation in Malakheti School, Dhangadi

Mr. Bidur Mani Khatiwada, Computer Operator, was attached to Triphala Rastriya Pustakalaya, Jhapa from 24 October – 7 November 2002 for the library's development.

Mrs. Bhagirathi Adhikari, Book Binder, took part in a study visit in Pokhara Public Library, Pokhara from 31 March – 6 April 2003.

Mr. Shree Narayan Jha, Library Assistant, visited Janakpur and Birgunj from 10 – 21 February 2003 to collect the data of libraries.

20. Library visitors:

The following distinguished visitors visited the NNL during the year 2059.

Mr. Eitaro Mitoma Director, JICA Nepal, Kathmandu	16 August 2002
Mr. Hideki Mada, JICA	16 August 2002
Mr. Koichi Takedo Kauden Service, Japan	29 August 2002
Mr. Hartmat Walravins Berlin	6 September 2002
Yasuyo Inoue Librarian, Japan	31 March 2003
Akiko Yano Librarian, Japan	4 April 2003
Yukako Iwasaki Librarian, Japan	1 May 2003

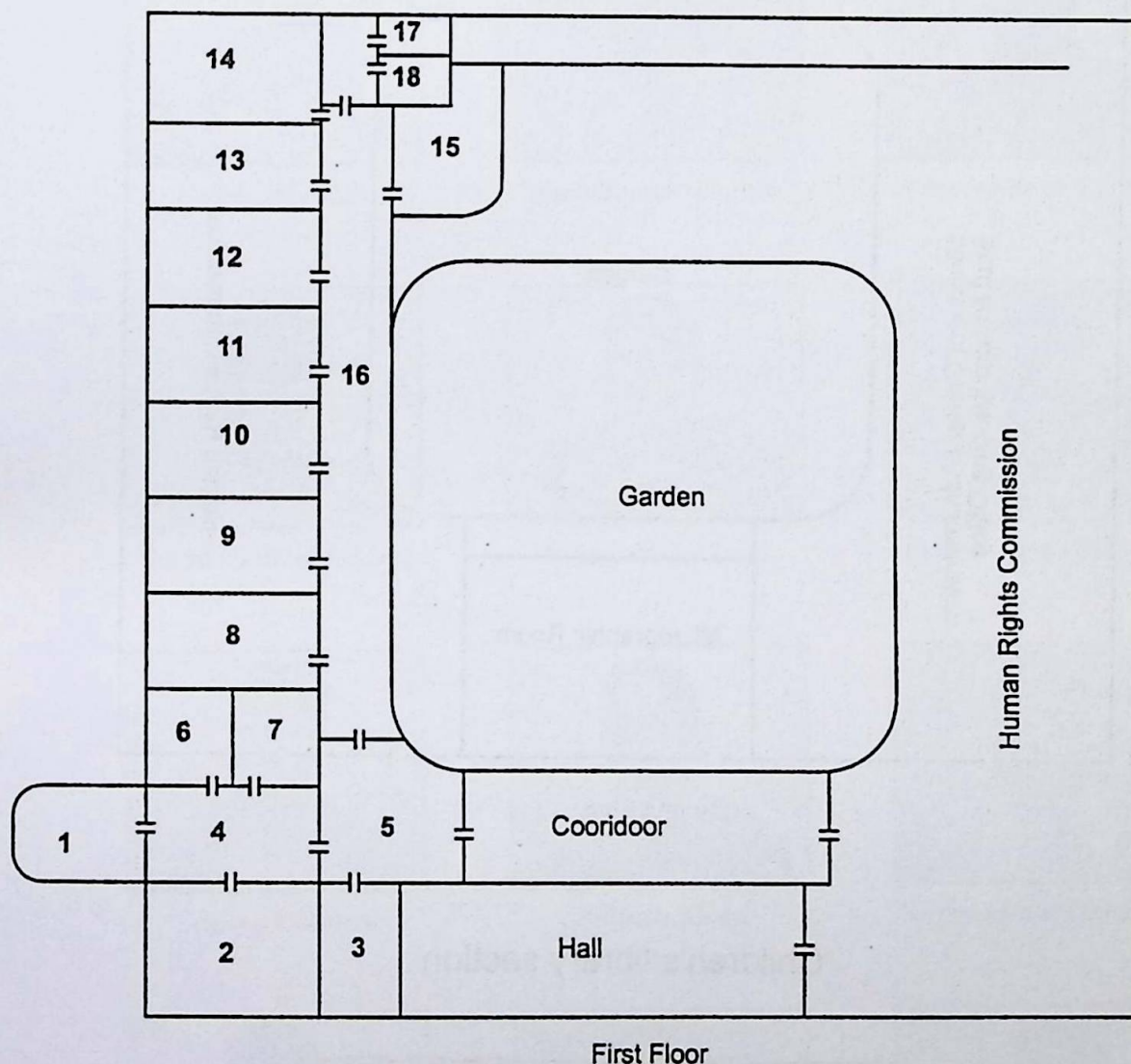
21. Book donation:

This year NNL has distributed books and periodical to the following libraries:

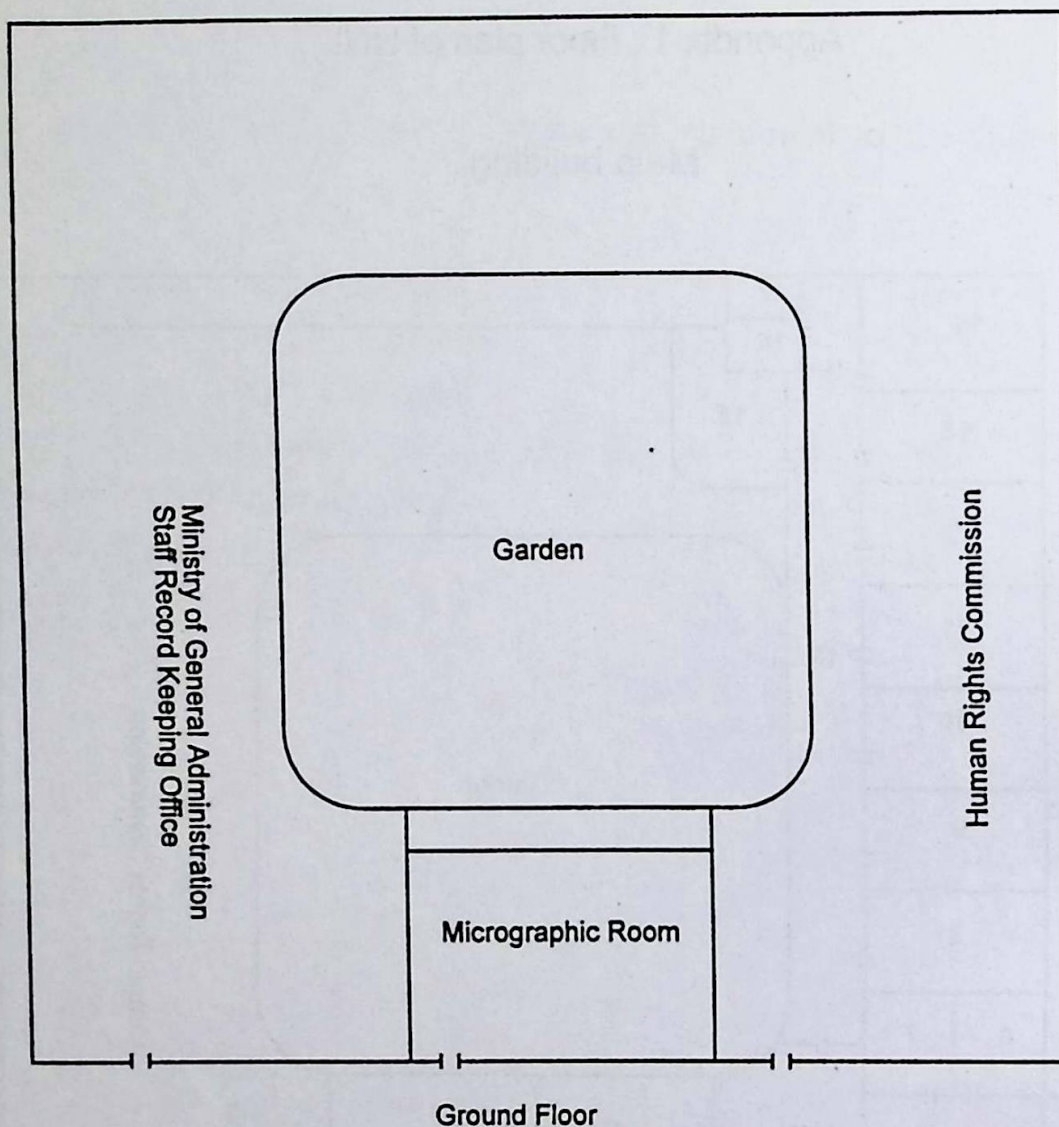
Mahendra Public Library, Nepalgunj	109
Pokhara Public Library, Pokhara	133
Kailali Public Library, Dhangadi	133
Sarbajanik Vidya Bhawan Library, Dharan	95
Triphala National Library, Jhapa	28
Other Libraries	341

Appendix 1 : Floor plan of NNL

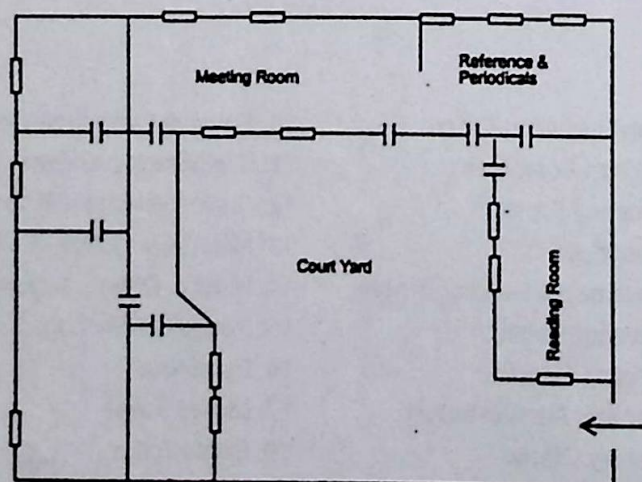
Main building



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| 1. Chief Librarian Office | 10. Sanskrit Language Book Stack |
| 2. English Book Stack | 11. Bibliographic Officer |
| 3. Reading Room | 12. Senior Volunteer Room |
| 4. Cooridoor | 13. Nepali Language Book Stack |
| 5. Newspaper Reading Room | 14. Hindi & Other Language Book Stack |
| 6. Account Room | 15. Periodical Section |
| 7. Binding Room | 16. Cooridoor |
| 8. General Administration | 17. Ladies Toilet |
| 9. Library Officer | 18. Gents Toilet |



Children's library section



Appendix 2: Photographs of staff members



Dasharath Thapa



Bhola Kumar Shrestha



Pashupatinath Adhikari



Sharad Chandra Acharya



Ram Bahadur Karki



Bishnu Kumar Shrestha



Pradeep Bhattarai



Kalpana Khatri



Kusma Gautam (Gajurel)



Shree Narayan Jha



Shankar Kumar Shrestha



Manuram K. C.



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Bhagirathi Adhikari



Alka Khadka



Radhe Shyam Thapa



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